1	2	3	4
2.	Assam	Nil	91
3.	Bihar	1016	678
4.	Karnataka	Nil	1160
5.	Jharkhand	Nil	151
6.	Madhya Pradesh	60	225
7.	Maharashtra	187	129
8.	Orissa	43	1634
9.	Rajasthan	Nil	03
10.	Tamil Nadu	Nil	2898
11.	Uttar Pradesh	21	128
12.	West Bengal	Nil	168
	GRAND TOTAL:	10,922	18,750

Setting up of independent P.F. Trust

1794. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that first time in the country Government have granted permission to the private company to set up an independent Provident Fund Trust;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether interests of labourers have been kept in mind while granting this permission; and

(d) if so, what are the guidelines Government have issued in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES): (a) to (d) No permission has been granted to private company to set up an independent Provident Fund Trust under the Employees' Provident Fund and Miscellaneous Provisions Act, 1952 and Employees' Provident Funds Scheme, 1952. However, the establishments covered under the Act can be granted exemption under the Act for administration of provident fund in respect of their employees subject to the stipulated conditions which *inter alia* provide that the rate of contribution and other Provident Fund benefits on the whole available to the employees of such establishments are not less favourable than the benefits provided under the Act and the Scheme.